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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

October 5, 1995

The meeting was called to order by M. Stewart at 4:04 p.m. in the Meeting/Dining Room of the Student Union Building.

Present: Okan Akcay, Steven Andelin, Alan Apple, Len Barish, Eric Beaven, Vera Brancato, Gary Brey, Carl Brunner, Joseph Carroll, Dan Cates, Joanne Cohen, Richard Collings, Roberta Crisson, Margaret Devlin, Dennis Dietrich, John Erdmann, Robert Gray, Russell Gross, James Hall, Beth Herbine, Gerard Innocenti, Sally Knappenberger, Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Kathy Lynch, Kevin McCloskey, Carol Mapes, Richard Morrison, Lisa Norris, Bette Reagan, Mildred Reilley, Tania Santiago, Randy Schaeffer, Neil Shea, Judith Smith, Marilyn Stewart, Ronald Stoffey, Gary Weatherspoon, Samuel Westmoreland.

Absent: Biruta Cap, Charles Clark, Percy Dougherty, Joseph Elias, Ruth Fisher, Kanchan Kumar, Joseph Lippincott, Albert Margolis, Renard Sacco, Thomas Seay, Susan Willis, Barth Yeboah.

Also in Attendance: Allan Back, Chairperson of Academic Standards and Policy Committee; Richard Dietrich, AFSCME representative; Cheryl Wilf, Chairperson of Enrollment Management Committee.

I. Announcements

G. Brey distributed copies of a document pertaining to parliamentary procedures dealing with committee reports.

II. Approval of the Agenda

E. Beaven moved, K. Lynch seconded, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

III. Approval of the Minutes of September 14, 1995

E. Beaven moved, R. Schaeffer seconded, to approve the Minutes of September 14, 1995. The motion passed.

IV. Committee and Task Force Reports

A. Committee on Committees

1. Strategic Planning and Resources Committee

R. Crisson moved to accept the Committee on Committees' recommendations

relative to the following changes to the membership of the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee:

- a. To extend the terms of membership for members of the committee from two to three years.
- b. To add to the committee the Associate Provost, the University Senate President (or designee), and the APSCUF President (or designee) as voting members; also, to add the Administrative Council Chairperson and University President as non-voting ex-officio members.

The motion passed.

2. University Judiciary

R. Crisson moved to approve the appointments of the following people to the University Judiciary: Albert Answini, Arthur Bloom, Ulysses Connor, Karen DeJarnett, William Lewandowski, Jesus Rodriguez, Barbara Schulman, Mary Theis, Betty Wesner, Susan Willis. The motion passed.

B. Constitution Review Ad Hoc Committee

G. Brey reported on the progress of the committee reviewing possible changes to the Senate Constitution.

C. Academic Standards and Policy Committee - Mid Term Grades

A. Back, Chairperson of the Academic Standards and Policy Committee, reported that the committee passed the following motions relative to the reporting of mid-term grades:

1. Urge support for the current concept of mid-term grades as listed on page 39, section 105.05 of The Key, 1995-97 edition, and also for the administrative efforts to speed up the recording and reporting process, i.e. electronic mail and optical scanning of grade reporting sheets.
2. Add the following to the end of section 105.05 of The Key, 1995-1997 edition: Students have a right and a responsibility to acquire their mid-term grades from their individual professor(s).

Section 105.05: Mid-term grades of "S" and "U" will be sent to the student's advisor. These grades are an index of a student's performance at the mid-term. They should serve as a counseling tool. A grade of "S" is equivalent to an "A, B, or C". A grade of "U" is equivalent to a "D" or "F".

L. Norris moved, G. Innocenti seconded, to accept the recommendations from the Academic Standards and Policy Committee relative to mid-term grades.

R. Collings moved, E. Beaven seconded, to amend recommendation #2 by changing the first sentence of the recommendation to read "Add the following to the beginning of Section 105.05 of The Key." Also, by adding the word

"also" after "S" and "U" to the sentence which now becomes the second sentence of Section 105.05 of The Key.

Amended Section 105.05: Students have a right and a responsibility to acquire their mid-term grades from their individual professor(s). Mid-term grades of "S" and "U" also will be sent to the student's advisor. These grades are an index of a student's performance at mid-term. They should serve as a counseling tool. A grade of "S" is equivalent to an "A, B, or C". A grade of "U" is equivalent to a "D" or "F".

The motion to accept the recommendations from the Academic Standards and Policy Committee relative to mid-term grades passed as amended.

D. Enrollment Management Committee

Cheryl Wilf, Chairperson of the Enrollment Management Committee, reported that the committee will meet in the near future.

After much discussion relative to the intended mission of the committee, J. Smith moved, B. Herbine seconded, to ask the Enrollment Management Committee to develop a mission statement and present it to the Senate at its next meeting. The motion passed with L. Ladd-Kidder abstaining.

E. Grade Reporting Ad Hoc Committee

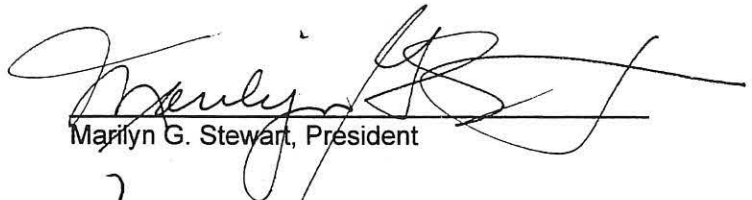
L. Ladd-Kidder moved, E. Beaven seconded, to adopt the report submitted by the Grade Reporting Ad Hoc Committee.

L. Barish moved, R. Gross seconded, to refer the proposal back to the committee in light of questions raised by the Senate. The motion passed.

V. Adjournment

L. Ladd-Kidder moved, L. Barish seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Marilyn G. Stewart, President



Kathy M. Lynch, Secretary

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